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direction by the Government for the preparation of a fresh electoral roll in regard to any of the constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council. Attention is, in this connexion, also invited to rule 9 (6) of the Madras Electoral Rules.

MR. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Would it not be desirable that Collectors and other authorities concerned should be asked to revise the electoral rolls ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Not just now, as hon. Members are aware an election is likely to come on next year and in the course of two or three months preliminary steps have to be taken."

### Electricity.

*Alleged negotiation in London to tap the hydro-electric resources of the Presidency.*

\* 136 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the Leaderette in the *Hindu* of the 13th June 1925—

(a) whether the Madras Government has deputed a retired official of the Civil Service to negotiate in London as the authorized representative of the Madras Government to form an English Syndicate to tap the hydro-electric resources of this Province ;

(b) who is the retired I.C.S. Officer who is authorized to negotiate ; and

(c) what are the reasons for not making a reference to this authorization, if any, in the statement made by him in the Council during the Budget discussion in March last ?

A.—The answer to (a) is in the negative and (b) and (c) therefore do not arise.

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—" With reference to the answer to clause (a), may I know whether Government is negotiating with any firm or any syndicate in England to tap the hydro-electric sources of this Presidency ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Absolutely not."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" Is any attempt being made in England in that direction ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Not to the knowledge of the Government ; and Government is against the formation of any such syndicate."

*Alleged organizing of a syndicate in London for the hydro-electric schemes in South India.*

\* 137 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the information given by the special London correspondent of the *Radical* that